# **Natural Resources Conservation Service**

# **Application Ranking Summary**

# Republican - Wildlife

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Republican - Wildlife		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

## **National Priorities Addressed**

Issue Questions		
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds with total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) where available, groundwater contamination or point sources such as contamination from confined animal feeding operations?		
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement for water conservation or irrigation efficiency using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in water use?		
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	Yes O or No O	
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?		
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	Yes O or No O	
6. Will the treatment that you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable benefits to residue management, nutrient management, air quality management, invasive species management, pollinator habitat, and animal carcass management technology or pest management?		
7. Will the treatment that you intend to implement using EQIP result in energy conservation benefits?	Yes O or No O	

#### **State Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions		
1. Will the project reduce the amount of nutrients/pesticides/salt/selenium or other pollutants entering ground or surface waters?		
2. Will the planned practice(s) promote water conservation on the contracted acres?		
3. Will the project address invasive or noxious plants on contracted acres?	Yes O or No O	
4. Will the project result in an improvement to the existing management system to meet the state AFO/CAFO regulations?		
5. Does the project increase the diversity of desirable plants on grazing lands?		
6. Does the project improve the health of riparian and/or wetland areas?		
7. Is the proposed project located within the State's NRCS wildlife priority area, and do the planned practices address the habitat needs of the targeted species designated in the wildlife priority area or is the plan designed for pollinator habitat?		
8. Will the proposed project reduce field soil loss to below "T" or will the planned practice(s) reduce irrigation induced/streambank erosion?		
9. Does the applicant meet one or more of the following conditions: a. Did the applicant successfully complete any past EQIP contract(s) in full compliance; or b. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance or c. Applicant has never participated in EQIP?		
10. Has any portion of the offered acreage been set aside or inventoried by a Cultural Resources Specialist or Archaeologist?		
11. Does the proposed project support organic transition (farming operation to be used while transitioning from conventional to organic production)?		

#### **Local Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Does the project address Riparian or Wetland habitat improvements for any of the following at-risk, declining native or economically important species: Northern Leopard Frog, Prebles Meadow Jumping Mouse, Greenback Cutthroat Trout, Boreal Toad, Bald Eagle, Moose, Migratory Waterfowl, Rio Grande Turkey, Warm & Cold Water Fish, White-Tailed Deer, Shore Birds?	
2. Does the project address Shortgrass Prairie habitat improvements for any of the following at-risk, declining native or economically important species: Burrowing Owl, Swift Fox, Mountain Plover, Ferruginous Hawk, Pronghorn Antelope?	
3. Does the project address Mid-grass Prairie habitat improvements for any of the following at-risk, declining native or economically important species: Plains Sharp Tail Grouse, Elk, Pheasant, Mule Deer?	
4. Does the project address Mountain Shrub habitat improvements for any of the following at-risk, declining native or economically important species: Prebles Meadow Jumping Mouse, Greater Sage Grouse, Plains Sharp Tail Grouse, Elk, Merriam's Turkey, Mule Deer?	
5. Does the project address Dry Cropland habitat improvements for any of the following at-risk, declining native, or economically important species: Plains Sharp Tail Grouse, Pheasant?	Yes O or No O
6. Do the planned practices address limiting factors for target species? [If yes, list target species and proposed practice(s)]. Species specific practices are found in Biology Tech Notes. If species is not in tech notes 1) for Riparian Areas - improve factors from the Proper Functioning Condition rating (refer to Process for Assessing Proper Functioning Condition TR 1737-9 1993, BLM) or 2) for Wetland Areas - improve the overall score from CO-WET (CO Amendment 190 GM 410.26).	
7. Are other specific habitat enhancement, maintenance, or restoration projects within 1/4 mile of the proposed project? (If yes, identify and label on an attached map)	
8. Are any of the following conservation buffers planned to provide eduring benefits for soil, water, air, water, and/or wildlife resource concerns: Contour Buffer Strips (332), Cross Wind Trap Strips (589C), Field Border (386), Filter Strip (393), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380)? (circle applicable buffers and note on map)	

### Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
Ranking Score	
Efficiency:	
Local Issues:	
State Issues:	
National Issues:	
Final Ranking Score:	

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
	Development unless required by State policy.
Signature Date:	Signature Date: